

House Resolution No.

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Melvin M. Thompson, an esteemed resident of Springfield, Missouri, who is to be commended for his contributions to the United States Army; and

Whereas, Melvin Thompson was drafted into the U.S. Military in 1943 and dutifully served his country during World War II, spending three years in the Army and two years in the European Theater where he was assigned to the 3rd Field Artillery Observation Battalion in the 15th Corps; and

Whereas, Melvin Thompson's unit participated in several battles and campaigns that took place in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, and Central Europe, and he served 293 days of combat before he was discharged at Fort Devens, Massachusetts on December 5, 1945; and

Whereas, during his military service, Melvin Thompson was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, European Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Ribbon, and the Victory Medal; and

Whereas, following his return to the United States, Melvin Thompson completed his Bachelor's degree at Kansas State University in 1947 and married his beloved Lena Irene Krog on May 19, 1949; and

Whereas, the father of Dana and Diane, Melvin Thompson enjoyed a successful career with the United States Department of Agriculture Soil Conservation Service that spanned an incredible thirty-three years, during which time he made his home in the cities of Girard, Garden City, Tribune, and Altamont, Kansas, before relocating to Missouri in 1960:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Melvin Thompson at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Melvin M. Thompson.

Offered by _____
Representative Charlie Denison
District No. 135

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker